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Introduction:

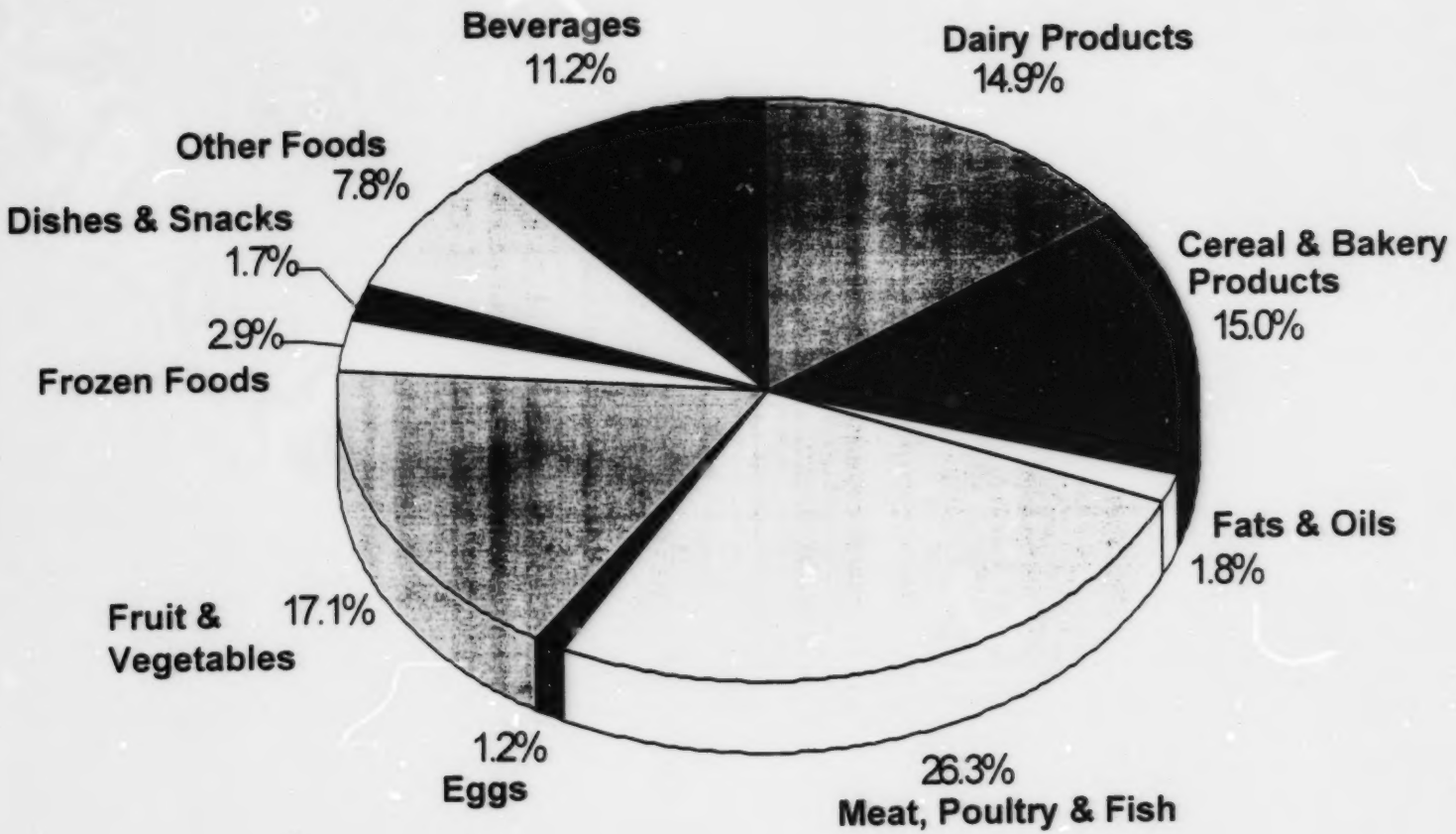
In December of each year, the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics (MBS) conducts the Food Prices Monitoring Survey. The survey's objective is to collect, tabulate and disseminate current information on the relative cost of food for home consumption in various Manitoba communities. Geographically, the survey includes Winnipeg and Brandon in southern Manitoba as well as a number of communities in northern Manitoba.

A Winnipeg weighting scheme, containing food weights from the Consumer Price Index, is used for all communities. This assumes that residents in the other communities have a similar food consumption pattern to Winnipeg residents. That is, they spend the same proportion of their food dollar on the various food groups.

Table 1 presents the spatial indices for the 15 communities surveyed in December 2001. A spatial index is a place-to-place comparison of prices at a particular point in time. In the MBS survey, the reference community is Winnipeg. Thus, calculated spatial indices represent the relative price differential between each community and Winnipeg. Note that due to data collection problems, Food Price Indices have not been developed for Berens River and Grand Rapids for 2001.

Table 2 presents the average prices, on a matched brand basis, of a subset of the food items priced in Winnipeg and the other 15 communities in December 2001. Tables 3 and 4, in the Appendix, present the spatial indices and the average prices of a subset of the items sampled for the December 2000 Survey.

2001 Food Group Weights



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I. Spatial Food Indices:

Food Price Indices were produced for 15 Manitoba communities in 2001. Community indices range from a low of 103.8 for Brandon to a high of 197.6 for Island Lake. That is, on a weighted average basis, Brandon prices are 3.8% higher than Winnipeg prices, and Island Lake prices are 97.6% higher than Winnipeg prices.

Indices are calculated by comparing the average price of food items from retail stores in each community to the average price of the same item (matched for brand and size) from Winnipeg's major retail grocery chains. The survey is based upon a food basket containing ten food groups weighted with the current Consumer Price Index food weights for Winnipeg, as follows.

FOOD GROUP	GROUP WEIGHT (%)
Dairy Products	14.9
Cereal & Bakery Products	15.0
Fats & Oils	1.8
Meat, Poultry & Fish	26.3
Eggs	1.2
Fruit & Vegetables	17.1
Frozen Foods	2.9
Dishes & Snacks	1.7
Other Foods	7.8
Beverages	11.2
TOTAL FOOD BASKET	100.0 %

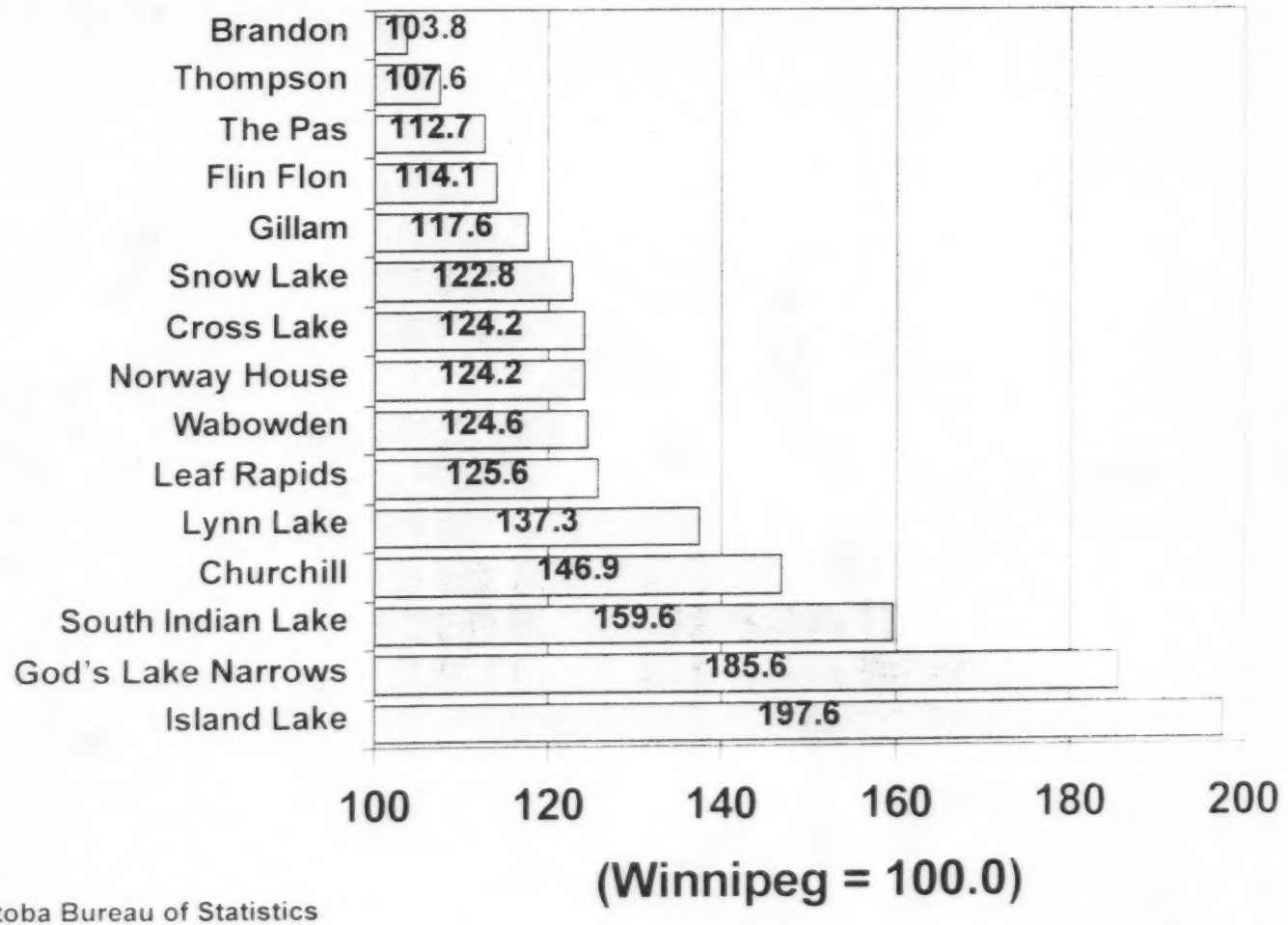
In the December 2001 survey, as for previous years the lowest Food Price Indices occurred in Brandon (103.8) and Thompson (107.6). A further three communities have "low indices" in the range 110.0 - 120.0: The Pas (112.7), Flin Flon (114.1) and Gillam (117.6).

Five communities have "medium low" indices in the range 120.0 - 130.0: Snow Lake (122.8), Cross Lake (124.2), Norway House (124.2), Wabowden (124.6) and Leaf Rapids (125.6).

Three communities have "medium high" indices, in the range 130.0 - 160.0: Lynn Lake (137.3), Churchill (146.9) and South Indian Lake (159.6).

The two communities with the highest Food Price Indices in 2001 continue to be God's Lake Narrows (185.6) and Island Lake (197.6).

2001 Food Price Indices



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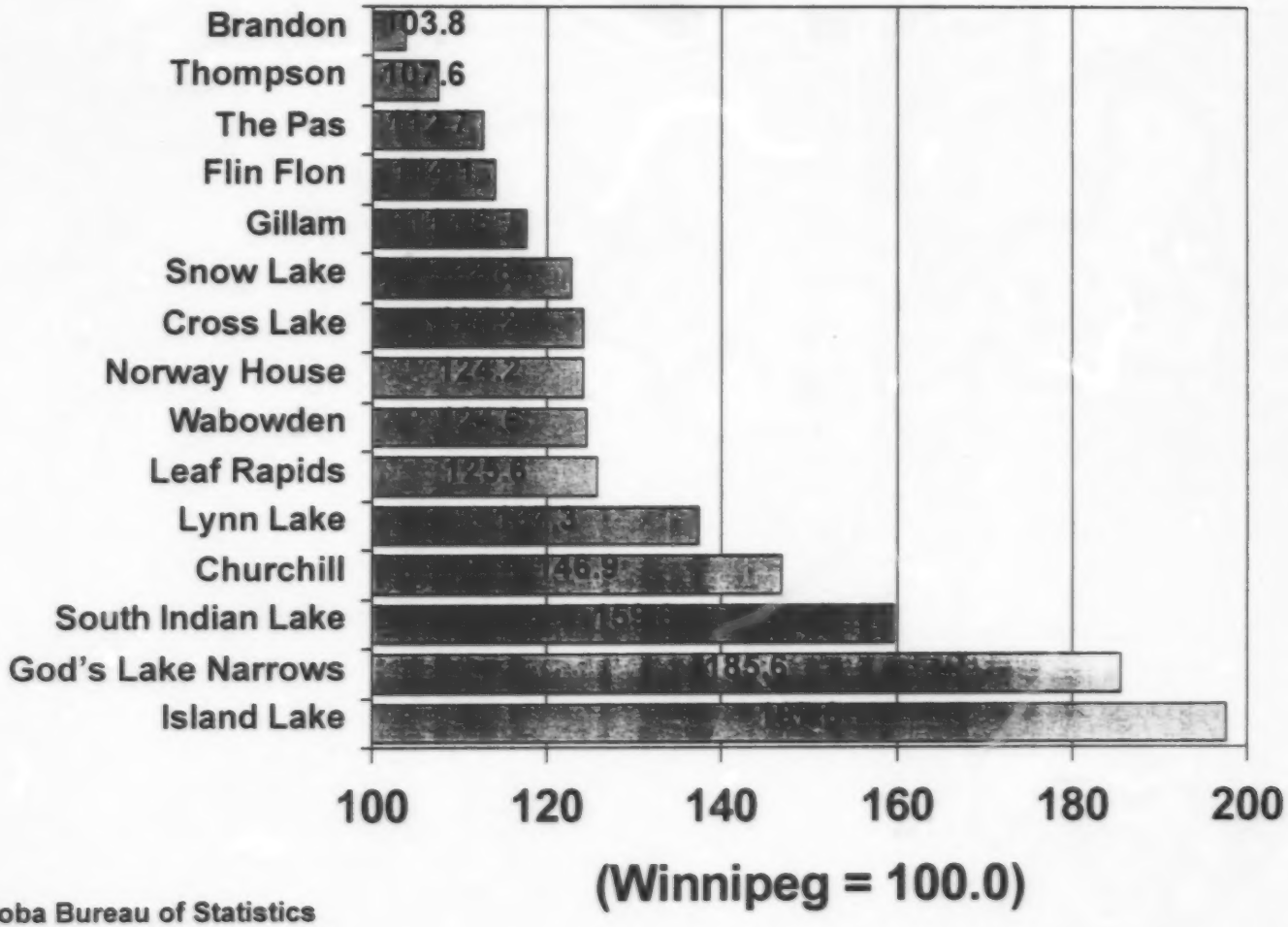

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Communities with the Lowest Indices (Less Than 120.0):

Four of the communities in the Food Prices Monitoring Survey consistently have the lowest Food Price Indices in comparison to Winnipeg. These indices for December 2001 are Brandon at 103.8, Thompson at 107.6, The Pas at 112.7 and Flin Flon at 114.1. This year, the index for Gillam (117.6) is also among the lowest.

In Brandon, food group indices range from 101.3 for Other Foods to 110.3 for Frozen Foods. Brandon has the lowest index among the 15 communities surveyed, for 8 of the 10 food groups. However, Gillam has a lower index for Cereal & Bakery Products at 105.6 compared to 106.8 for Thompson and 107.0 for Brandon; and The Pas has a lower index for Frozen Foods at 107.8 compared to 110.3 for Brandon.

Thompson, with the second lowest Food Price Index, has food group indices ranging from 104.5 for Other Foods to 111.7 for Dishes & Snacks. The next highest food group indices in Thompson are for Frozen Foods (111.4) and Beverages (110.7). The next lowest food group indices are for Fruits & Vegetables (104.6) and Eggs (105.1).

The Pas has food group indices ranging from 106.0 for Meat, Poultry & Fish to 124.3 for Dairy Products. The next highest food group indices in The Pas are for Beverages (120.7) and Eggs (119.0). The next lowest food group indices are for Fruits & Vegetables (107.3) and Frozen Foods (107.8).

In Flin Flon, food group indices range from 102.6 for Meat, Poultry & Fish to 135.5 for Beverages. The next highest food group indices in Flin Flon are for Dishes & Snacks (124.0) and Dairy Products (120.6). The next lowest food group indices are for Fruits & Vegetables (111.0) and Cereal & Bakery Products (113.0).

Gillam has food group indices ranging from 103.8 for Fats & Oils to 141.7 for Eggs. The next highest food group indices in Gillam are for Beverages (137.0) and Dairy Products (136.6). The next lowest food group indices are for Cereal & Bakery Products (105.6) and Other Foods (107.7).

In both Brandon and Thompson, Other Foods has the lowest food group index, which is also the third lowest food group in Gillam. In both The Pas and Flin Flon, Meat, Poultry & Fish has the lowest food group index, which is also the second lowest food group in Brandon. Fruits & Vegetables has the second lowest food group index in Thompson, The Pas and Flin Flon.

Among the 5 communities with the lowest indices, Beverages is among the three highest food groups for all but Brandon. Dishes & Snacks is also among the three highest food group indices for Brandon, Thompson and Flin Flon (and also relatively high in Gillam). Dairy Products is among the three highest food group indices for The Pas, Flin Flon and Gillam.

TABLE 1: SPATIAL RETAIL FOOD PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES

DECEMBER, 2001

FOOD GROUPS	BERENS RIVER	BRANDON	CHURCHILL	CROSS LAKE	FLIN FLON	GILLAM	GOD'S LAKE NARROWS	GRAND RAPIDS	ISLAND LAKE
				(WINNIPEG = 100.0)					
DAIRY PRODUCTS	...	102.5	168.3	144.8	120.6	136.6	212.8	...	235.3
CEREAL & BAKERY PRODUCTS	...	107.0	142.5	128.0	113.0	105.6	183.5	...	171.6
FATS & OILS	...	102.8	126.7	111.4	113.1	103.8	138.5	...	154.2
MEAT, POULTRY & FISH	...	102.5	124.5	108.9	102.6	110.9	146.4	...	145.6
Meat	...	102.9	128.4	111.6	102.5	114.5	150.4	...	149.0
Poultry	...	100.8	109.3	102.4	101.6	103.0	138.3	...	147.8
Fish	...	102.7	127.4	103.4	104.7	102.5	135.7	...	119.7
EGGS	...	104.6	136.7	130.8	117.4	141.7	181.6	...	211.5
FRUIT & VEGETABLES	...	103.2	140.4	118.8	111.0	112.9	184.3	...	224.9
Fresh Fruit	...	105.1	148.7	131.4	108.7	120.0	205.5	...	257.6
Processed Fruit	...	100.4	147.0	108.4	119.7	110.3	147.3	...	211.6
Fresh Vegetables	...	101.8	129.2	114.0	104.0	108.7	197.6	...	218.0
Processed Vegetables	...	108.0	130.7	113.9	121.9	107.3	150.3	...	158.3
FROZEN FOODS	...	110.3	138.6	119.5	114.2	111.9	159.9	...	181.4
DISHES & SNACKS	...	108.1	160.5	125.1	124.0	132.9	174.8	...	186.6
OTHER FOODS	...	101.3	140.5	116.7	115.6	107.7	159.5	...	164.8
BEVERAGES	...	105.0	195.4	143.9	135.5	137.0	281.0	...	296.9
COMMUNITY INDEX	...	103.8	146.9	124.2	114.1	117.6	185.6	...	197.6

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In the 10 remaining communities (i.e., those with indices greater than 120.0), Beverages has the highest food group index in all but Cross Lake and Leaf Rapids. In these two communities, the Beverages index is second to the Dairy Products index, which is among the three highest food group indices for all remaining communities except South Indian Lake. Beverage and Dairy Product Prices tend to increase with remoteness from Winnipeg, faster than prices in other food groups.

The lowest food group indices for the 10 remaining communities is either Meat, Poultry & Fish or Fats & Oils. The prices within these two food groups were closer to Winnipeg prices than were prices in the other food groups.

Communities With Medium Low Indices (120.0 - 130.0):

Five of the communities surveyed have relatively low Food Price Indices, in the range 120.0 to 130.0; Snow Lake at 122.8, Cross Lake at 124.2, Norway House at 124.2, Wabowden at 124.6 and Leaf Rapids at 125.6.

In four of these five communities, Meat, Poultry & Fish has the lowest food group index;108.7 in Snow Lake, 108.9 in Cross Lake, 108.8 in Norway House and 107.0 in Wabowden. In Leaf Rapids, Fats & Oils has the lowest food group index , at 110.8. Fats & Oils is also the second or third lowest food group index in the four other communities in this range.

Beverages, Dairy Products and Eggs tend to be among the highest priced food groups in these communities, relative to Winnipeg. Beverages has the highest food group index in Snow Lake (144.2), Norway House (155.3) and Wabowden (152.1), and second highest in Cross Lake (143.9) and Leaf Rapids (141.1).

Dairy Products has the highest food group index in Cross Lake (144.8) and Leaf Rapids (142.9), second highest index in Norway House (141.1) and Wabowden (138.9), and third highest in Snow Lake (133.9). Eggs is third highest in Cross Lake (130.8), Norway House (129.4) and Wabowden (135.9). Dishes & Snacks is second highest in Snow Lake (137.4) and third highest in Leaf Rapids (127.2).

TABLE 1: (Cont.) **SPATIAL RETAIL FOOD PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES**

DECEMBER, 2001

FOOD GROUPS	LEAF RAPIDS	LYNN LAKE	NORWAY HOUSE	SNOW LAKE	SOUTH INDIAN LAKE	THE PAS	THOMPSON	WABOWDEN
				(WINNIPEG = 100.0)				
DAIRY PRODUCTS	142.9	150.4	141.1	133.9	155.6	124.3	107.1	138.9
CEREAL & BAKERY PRODUCTS	118.4	139.8	124.1	123.8	163.9	111.6	106.8	131.5
FATS & OILS	110.8	117.8	110.1	117.4	116.5	109.5	105.2	114.2
MEAT, POULTRY & FISH	118.8	117.8	108.8	108.7	130.6	106.0	109.7	107.0
Meat	121.7	120.5	110.1	110.4	129.0	106.8	110.5	113.3
Poultry	113.8	108.7	108.1	104.5	139.4	102.7	108.2	88.4
Fish	108.8	117.5	101.3	106.0	125.2	106.7	107.0	101.3
EGGS	126.7	138.1	129.4	115.0	172.6	119.0	105.1	135.9
FRUIT & VEGETABLES	122.7	134.4	114.9	119.1	176.6	107.3	104.6	109.1
Fresh Fruit	131.4	156.6	109.4	121.1	188.0	108.8	105.1	112.0
Processed Fruit	121.5	123.2	123.7	121.3	149.7	114.5	106.4	122.6
Fresh Vegetables	115.6	120.3	115.7	115.0	196.7	99.3	102.0	91.9
Processed Vegetables	117.3	127.4	111.3	119.8	130.8	111.3	107.1	124.3
FROZEN FOODS	124.0	129.6	127.4	126.7	137.4	107.8	111.4	126.9
DISHES & SNACKS	127.2	156.3	126.2	137.4	152.7	115.0	111.7	134.1
OTHER FOODS	117.1	134.3	121.1	122.5	142.0	117.2	104.5	135.9
BEVERAGES	141.1	170.5	155.3	144.2	225.9	120.7	110.7	152.1
COMMUNITY INDEX	125.6	137.3	124.2	122.8	159.6	112.7	107.6	124.6

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Communities With Medium High Indices (130.0 - 160.0):

Three communities in the December 2001 survey possess medium high Food Price Indices in the range of 130.0 to 160.0; Lynn Lake, Churchill and South Indian Lake. It is interesting that the indexes for each of these communities increased markedly from the 2000 Survey.

The index for Lynn Lake increased 3.6%, from 132.5 in 2000 to 137.3 in 2001, Churchill increased 5.8%, from 138.8 to 146.9 and South Indian Lake increased 7.0% from 149.1 to 159.6. The only other communities showing such movement are Norway House (4.2%) and God's Lake Narrows (6.2%).

In Lynn Lake, food group indices range from 117.8 for Meat, Poultry & Fish to 170.5 for Beverages. In Churchill, food group indices range from 124.5 for Meat, Poultry & Fish to 195.4 for Beverages. In South Indian Lake, food group indices range from 116.5 for Fats & Oils to 225.9 for Beverages.

In Lynn Lake the next highest food group indices are 156.3 for Dishes & Snacks and 150.4 for Dairy Products. In Churchill the next highest food group indices are 168.3 for Dairy Products and 160.5 for Dishes & Snacks. In South Indian Lake the next highest food group indices are 176.6 for Fruits & Vegetables and 172.6 for Eggs.

The next lowest food group indices in Lynn Lake are Fats & Oils at 117.8 and Frozen Foods at 129.6. In Churchill, Fats & Oils is second lowest at 126.7, followed by Eggs at 136.7. In South Indian Lake, Meat, Poultry & Fish is second lowest at 130.6, followed by Frozen Foods at 137.4.

Communities With the Highest Indices (Greater than 160.0):

God's Lake Narrows and Island Lake consistently have the highest Food Price Indices each year. For December 2001, these indices are 185.6 for God's Lake Narrows and 197.6 for Island Lake.

Island Lake has the highest index among communities surveyed for 8 of the 10 food groups in the survey, with God's Lake Narrows having the highest index for the other 2 food groups; Cereal & Bakery Products and Meat, Poultry & Fish.

In both of these communities, Beverages has the highest food group index (281.0 for God's Lake Narrows and 296.9 for Island Lake), Dairy Products has the second highest index (212.8 for God's Lake Narrows and 235.3 for Island Lake) and Fruits & Vegetables is third (184.3 for God's Lake Narrows and 224.9 for Island Lake).

Fats & Oils has the lowest food group index in God's Lake Narrows at 138.5, and is second lowest in Island Lake at 154.2. Meat, Poultry & Fish has the lowest food group index in Island Lake at 145.6, and is second lowest in God's Lake Narrows at 146.4. Other Foods has the third lowest food group index in both communities (159.5 for God's Lake Narrows and 164.8 for Island Lake).

TABLE 2: AVERAGE RETAIL FOOD PRICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES

DECEMBER, 2001

FOOD ITEMS	BERENS RIVER	BRANDON	CHURCHILL	CROSS LAKE	FLIN FLON	GILLAM	GOD'S LAKE NARROWS	GRAND RAPIDS	ISLAND LAKE
1 L MILK	...	1.23	2.25	1.89	1.32	1.59	2.89	...	2.99
454 G BUTTER	...	3.08	3.79	4.14	3.57	3.37	4.14	...	4.29
400 G CHEDDAR CHEESE	...	6.74	6.99	6.89	...	6.15	7.35	...	7.59
525 G CORN FLAKES	...	4.74	4.95	4.44	4.49	3.85	...	...	...
5 KG FLOUR	...	6.89	10.99	9.34	8.09	8.49	11.19	...	...
500 G MACARONI	...	1.79	2.19	2.04	1.99	...	2.19	...	...
675 G WHITE BREAD	...	...	3.15	...	...	...	...	...	...
907 G MARGARINE	...	5.14	6.65	5.39	4.84	5.45	7.49	...	...
1 L COOKING OIL	...	4.14	5.39	4.69	4.09	...	5.59	...	5.79
500 G BACON	...	5.94	6.29	4.79	5.07	5.29	...	...	6.79
1 KG ROUND STEAK	...	10.80	...	10.41	10.45	11.89	13.99	...	15.99
1 KG BLADE STEAK	...	...	...	8.29	7.69	...	12.99	...	10.99
1 KG STEWING BEEF	...	7.23	9.11	8.29	8.24	9.29	10.49	...	...
1 KG GROUND BEEF	...	4.05	6.99	5.24	4.69	...	8.59	...	...
1 KG PORK CHOPS	...	9.89	...	9.79	10.39	10.13	12.99	...	13.49
450 G WEINERS	...	4.24	...	3.89	3.39	...	...	...	...
340 G LUNCHEON MEAT	...	3.14	3.39	3.34	3.09	3.05	3.45	...	3.69
1 KG CHICKEN	...	...	5.79	5.59	5.74	5.99	7.99	...	8.69
213 G PINK SALMON	...	2.49	...	2.54	2.79	...	2.95	...	...
1 DOZ. LARGE EGGS	...	1.85	2.29	2.29	2.04	2.35	3.19	...	3.69
1 KG ORANGES	...	3.50	3.78	4.14	2.94	3.67	4.79	...	...
1 KG APPLES	...	2.18	3.86	3.24	3.61	3.79	5.39	...	...
398 ML CANNED PEACHES	...	2.09	2.52	2.39	2.24	2.05	2.49	...	2.69
1 L ORANGE JUICE	...	1.82	2.39	2.29	2.19	1.59	2.59	...	3.99
4.54 KG POTATOES	...	3.94	6.33	4.59	4.69	5.25	12.29	...	12.99
907 G CARROTS	...	1.34	1.89	0.89	1.14	1.45	2.99	...	3.59
1.36 KG ONIONS	...	1.59	2.75	1.94	1.14	...	...	...	4.99
1 HEAD LETTUCE	...	2.09	2.09	1.64	1.54	1.68	3.19	...	2.19
398 ML CANNED PEAS	...	1.54	1.69	1.49	1.49	1.39	...	...	...
398 ML BAKED BEANS	...	1.24	1.49	1.44	1.39	1.09	1.99	...	...
1 KG FROZEN POTATOES	...	2.99	3.99	3.49	3.29	...	...	...	...
225 G MACARONI & CHEESE	...	0.99	1.54	1.39	1.24	1.05	1.75	...	1.89
284 ML CANNED SOUP	...	0.78	1.10	0.99	0.74	0.85	1.19	...	1.29
500 ML PEANUT BUTTER	...	3.49	4.34	4.49	4.24	3.59	5.09	...	5.09
500 ML STRAWBERRY JAM	...	4.34	5.04	5.19	5.19	...	5.99	...	6.49
4 KG SUGAR	...	4.59	6.74	6.44	5.34	5.95	8.45	...	8.99
200 G INSTANT COFFEE	...	6.24	...	7.69	7.19	5.99	...	...	...
1 L SOFT DRINK	...	1.39	2.49	1.79	1.88	...	3.95	...	3.89

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II. Average Food Prices:

Table 2 presents average retail prices for 38 specific items from the December 2001 Prices Monitoring Survey. Identical brands have been used for presentation of average prices, therefore certain items are not available within each community.

This table is not only an indicator of relative prices but can also indicate the degree of food selection available in each community. For example, food selection is indicated to be relatively poor in Wabowden, where only 21 of the 38 items in this table were available at the time of the survey, and in Island Lake where 23 of the 38 items were available.

In contrast, 37 of the selected items were available in Cross Lake, 36 were available in Thompson, The Pas, Flin Flon, and Leaf Rapids, and 35 were available in Brandon, Snow Lake, Norway House and Lynn Lake.

Fewer items priced in a community tends to have a negative impact on the validity of the indices calculated. In general, fewer matches for a community will result in a less valid food price index, because each item matched has a greater relative contribution to the community index.

One litre of Homogenized Milk is least expensive in Winnipeg at $1.21, Brandon at $1.23 and Thompson at $1.24. It is most expensive in Island Lake at $2.99 and God's Lake Narrows at $2.89. In the remaining communities one litre of milk ranged from $1.32 in Flin Flon and $1.51 in The Pas to $2.14 in South Indian Lake and $2.25 in Churchill.

A five-kilogram bag of white Flour ranged from a low of $5.99 in Wabowden to a high of $11.19 in God's Lake Narrows. The next lowest prices were $6.69 in Winnipeg, $6.89 in Brandon and $7.19 in Thompson. After God's Lake Narrows, the next highest prices were $10.99 in Churchill and $9.99 in Lynn Lake.

A particular brand of Margarine (907 grams) was $4.44 in Thompson, $4.84 in Flin Flon, $4.92 in Winnipeg and $5.14 in Brandon. The highest prices for Margarine were $7.49 in God's Lake Narrows, $6.65 in Churchill, $6.45 in Lynn Lake and $6.19 in Norway House.

The average price of one litre of Cooking Oil was $4.27 in Winnipeg but cost less in Flin Flon ($4.09), Brandon ($4.14) and Leaf Rapids ($4.15). Highest prices for Cooking Oil were $5.79 in Island Lake, $5.59 in God's Lake Narrows and $5.39 in Churchill.

The lowest prices for regular Ground Beef were $3.94 per kilogram in Winnipeg, $3.95 in The Pas and $4.05 in Brandon. Ground Beef was most expensive in God's Lake Narrows at $8.59 per kilogram, and South Indian Lake at $6.20.

The lowest prices for centre cut Pork Chops were $8.77 in Thompson, $9.50 in Lynn Lake, $9.59 in Leaf Rapids and $$9.79 in Cross Lake. Highest Pork Chops prices were $13.89 in Norway House, $13.49 in Island Lake and $13.43 in South Indian Lake.

TABLE 2: (Cont.) **AVERAGE RETAIL FOOD PRICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES**

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FOOD ITEMS	LEAF RAPIDS	LYNN LAKE	NORWAY HOUSE	SNOW LAKE	SOUTH INDIAN LAKE	THE PAS	THOMPSON	WABOWDEN	WINNIPEG
1 L MILK	1.65	1.95	1.99	1.59	2.14	1.51	1.24	...	1.21
454 G BUTTER	3.69	3.39	4.07	4.12	3.59	3.57	3.34	3.50	3.02
400 G CHEDDAR CHEESE	6.99	6.89	7.39	6.54	6.89	6.74	7.09	...	6.86
525 G CORN FLAKES	4.19	4.69	4.23	4.34	...	4.49	4.54	4.49	4.54
5 KG FLOUR	8.85	9.99	9.79	9.84	...	8.99	7.19	5.99	6.69
500 G MACARONI	1.99	2.09	1.74	2.04	2.15	2.09	...	...	1.72
675 G WHITE BREAD	2.95	...	2.99	2.49	3.59	2.19	1.99	...	2.09
907 G MARGARINE	5.95	6.45	6.19	5.59	...	5.49	4.44	...	4.92
1 L COOKING OIL	4.15	5.19	4.69	4.69	5.25	4.69	4.44	...	4.27
500 G BACON	...	5.99	4.79	4.89	...	4.94	4.69	...	5.27
1 KG ROUND STEAK	12.39	13.50	8.45	10.13	12.87	9.99	9.26	9.44	10.41
1 KG BLADE STEAK	10.99	10.90	...	...	8.33	8.65	8.11	...	7.25
1 KG STEWING BEEF	8.49	8.50	7.99	7.87	9.59	8.27	8.02	7.23	7.06
1 KG GROUND BEEF	5.39	5.90	4.23	...	6.20	3.95	4.27	5.47	3.94
1 KG PORK CHOPS	9.59	9.50	13.89	10.53	13.43	9.99	8.77	...	9.95
450 G WEINERS	3.39	4.29	...	3.64	...	3.39	4.19	...	3.74
340 G LUNCHEON MEAT	3.09	3.35	2.99	3.09	3.27	3.34	3.29	3.29	3.10
1 KG CHICKEN	6.79	5.59	6.79	4.78	7.61	...	5.99	...	5.78
213 G PINK SALMON	2.35	2.65	2.59	2.59	3.59	2.49	2.49	...	2.07
1 DOZ. LARGE EGGS	2.25	2.29	2.34	2.04	2.99	1.99	1.84	2.35	1.66
1 KG ORANGES	3.06	3.99	3.41	3.32	...	3.18	3.49	2.49	3.16
1 KG APPLES	...	3.29	2.61	3.44	4.98	3.07	...	...	2.98
398 ML CANNED PEACHES	2.15	2.55	2.44	2.32	2.59	2.09	2.34	...	2.11
1 L ORANGE JUICE	1.99	2.35	2.19	1.84	2.45	1.49	1.69	1.79	1.42
4.54 KG POTATOES	5.19	6.29	4.24	5.84	11.85	3.94	4.49	4.59	3.91
907 G CARROTS	1.29	2.19	1.74	1.57	3.29	1.34	1.34	1.09	1.36
1.36 KG ONIONS	1.99	2.49	1.29	1.99	2.65	1.74	1.49	1.49	1.46
1 HEAD LETTUCE	1.49	1.19	1.79	1.39	2.39	1.44	2.09	1.69	1.74
398 ML CANNED PEAS	1.49	1.69	1.55	1.59	1.75	1.69	1.29	1.59	1.19
398 ML BAKED BEANS	1.19	1.49	1.19	1.29	1.55	1.29	1.29	1.45	1.21
1 KG FROZEN POTATOES	3.25	3.89	3.19	4.49	...	3.39	3.14	3.29	3.06
225 G MACARONI & CHEESE	0.99	1.39	1.21	1.29	1.49	1.25	0.99	1.49	0.83
284 ML CANNED SOUP	0.89	1.09	0.89	0.99	1.09	0.89	0.79	1.09	0.66
500 ML PEANUT BUTTER	4.29	4.19	4.09	4.09	...	3.99	3.99	...	3.69
500 ML STRAWBERRY JAM	4.79	4.89	4.79	4.99	4.99	5.19	4.94	...	4.59
4 KG SUGAR	6.39	6.15	6.59	5.74	7.89	5.04	4.84	6.99	3.97
200 G INSTANT COFFEE	6.59	...	7.54	6.99	7.19	8.29	6.49	...	6.46
1 L SOFT DRINK	1.89	...	...	...	...	...	1.49	1.89	1.42

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The lowest prices for Chicken (whole cut-up) were $4.78 per kilogram in Snow Lake, $5.59 in Cross Lake and Lynn Lake and $5.74 in Flin Flon. The highest prices were $8.69 per kilogram in Island Lake, $7.99 in God's Lake Narrows and $7.61 in South Indian Lake. The average Winnipeg price was $5.78 per kilogram.

The lowest prices for one dozen large Eggs were $1.66 in Winnipeg, $1.84 in Thompson, $1.85 in Brandon and $1.99 in The Pas. Highest Egg prices were $3.69 in Island Lake, $3.19 in God's Lake Narrows, $2.99 in South Indian Lake and $2.35 in Gillam and Wabowden.

Medium sized navel Oranges were priced at $2.49 per kilogram in Wabowden, $2.94 in Flin Flon, $3.06 in Leaf Rapids and $3.16 in Winnipeg. The highest prices were $4.79 in God's Lake Narrows and $4.14 in Cross Lake.

The lowest prices for a ten-pound bag (4.54 kilogram) of Red Potatoes were $3.91 in Winnipeg and $3.94 in Brandon and The Pas. Highest prices were $12.99 in Island Lake, $12.29 in God's Lake and $11.85 in South Indian Lake. Elsewhere, the price ranged from $4.24 in Norway House to $6.33 in Churchill.

A 907-gram bag of Carrots was priced lowest in Cross Lake at $0.89, Wabowden at $1.09 and Flin Flon at $1.14. In Winnipeg, A 907-gram bag of Carrots cost $1.36 on average. The highest prices were $3.59 in Island Lake, $3.29 in South Indian Lake and $2.99 in God's Lake Narrows.

The lowest prices for one kilogram of frozen French Fries were $2.99 in Brandon and $3.06 in Winnipeg. Highest prices were $4.49 in Snow Lake and $3.99 in Churchill. This particular brand and size was not priced in Island Lake, God's Lake Narrows or South Indian Lake

Macaroni and Cheese Dinners were $0.83 in Winnipeg, $0.99 in Brandon, Thompson and Leaf Rapids, and $1.05 in Gillam. Highest prices were $1.89 in Island Lake, $1.75 in God's Lake Narrows and $1.54 in Churchill.

The lowest price for four kilograms of White Sugar was $3.97 in Winnipeg. The highest prices were $8.99 in Island Lake, $8.45 in God's Lake Narrows and $7.89 in South Indian Lake. Elsewhere, the price ranged from $4.59 in Brandon to $6.99 in Wabowden.

The lowest prices for Instant Coffee (200-gram jar) were $5.99 in Gillam, $6.24 In Brandon and $6.46 in Winnipeg. Coffee was most expensive in The Pas at $8.29, Norway House at $7.54 and Flin Flon and South Indian Lake, both $7.19. This particular brand and size was not priced in Island Lake or God's Lake Narrows.

The price of a one litre Soft Drink averaged $1.39 in Brandon, $1.42 in Winnipeg and $1.49 in Thompson. Highest prices were $3.95 in God's Lake Narrows and $3.89 in Island Lake. Elsewhere, the price ranged from $1.79 in Cross Lake to $2.49 in Churchill.

APPENDIX

2000 SURVEY RESULTS

TABLE 3: SPATIAL RETAIL FOOD PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES

DECEMBER, 2000

FOOD GROUPS	BERENS RIVER	BRANDON	CHURCHILL	CROSS LAKE	FLIN FLON	GILLAM	GOD'S LAKE NARROWS	GRAND RAPIDS	ISLAND LAKE
				(WINNIPEG = 100.0)					
DAIRY PRODUCTS	...	100.0	153.3	131.8	...	126.5	209.0	115.6	212.7
CEREAL & BAKERY PRODUCTS	...	104.7	133.4	114.4	...	108.2	163.8	109.3	169.6
FATS & OILS	...	101.9	123.7	115.3	...	101.3	142.6	107.3	155.2
MEAT, POULTRY & FISH	...	103.5	114.7	115.2	...	116.2	142.7	109.6	157.6
Meat	...	103.7	116.9	113.9	...	119.8	147.1	112.2	163.0
Poultry	...	101.6	111.1	124.9	...	110.6	143.0	101.2	161.8
Fish	...	105.2	107.1	105.7	...	103.4	114.4	108.5	115.6
EGGS	...	106.9	133.2	130.7	...	122.7	178.8	141.7	219.6
FRUIT & VEGETABLES	...	103.2	139.5	129.2	...	121.5	195.5	120.2	211.9
Fresh Fruit	...	104.9	149.8	132.7	...	128.7	207.5	126.3	246.9
Processed Fruit	...	99.3	135.4	118.6	...	110.1	166.3	112.7	187.7
Fresh Vegetables	...	104.1	132.5	135.3	...	125.5	212.3	121.5	204.0
Processed Vegetables	...	103.6	134.6	121.5	...	108.9	164.5	112.0	167.2
FROZEN FOODS	...	106.2	144.4	122.9	...	109.1	158.8	110.9	192.6
DISHES & SNACKS	...	106.6	166.3	122.3	...	132.7	160.2	116.1	176.3
OTHER FOODS	...	102.8	133.9	124.2	...	115.6	164.2	119.9	175.4
BEVERAGES	...	102.7	182.9	146.5	...	136.0	206.1	138.3	309.6
COMMUNITY INDEX	...	103.1	138.8	124.7	...	119.5	174.8	116.8	197.4

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DATA SOURCE: MANITOBA BUREAU OF STATISTICS
PRICES MONITORING SURVEY

TABLE 3: (Cont.) SPATIAL RETAIL FOOD PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES

DECEMBER, 2000

FOOD GROUPS	LEAF RAPIDS	LYNN LAKE	NORWAY HOUSE	SNOW LAKE	SOUTH INDIAN LAKE	THE PAS	THOMPSON	WABOWDEN
	(WINNIPEG = 100.0)							
DAIRY PRODUCTS	128.8	143.2	129.5	128.7	180.2	116.1	112.4	127.5
CEREAL & BAKERY PRODUCTS	118.0	132.3	122.8	120.9	136.5	114.3	105.1	114.5
FATS & OILS	107.7	125.4	110.0	118.9	119.3	107.9	105.5	124.6
MEAT, POULTRY & FISH	122.5	119.7	110.0	109.4	119.7	107.7	108.1	113.3
Meat	123.6	123.5	114.2	111.9	122.8	109.0	109.2	122.9
Poultry	125.1	107.5	100.0	101.1	114.8	105.5	104.8	78.2
Fish	110.5	118.2	101.0	108.2	108.5	103.2	107.7	116.5
EGGS	121.5	135.3	118.9	119.5	150.4	121.6	110.3	143.2
FRUIT & VEGETABLES	127.1	128.8	107.9	116.4	160.3	111.1	108.3	118.0
Fresh Fruit	146.3	140.4	106.6	116.2	187.8	110.2	108.2	133.8
Processed Fruit	119.6	124.8	124.7	131.3	122.8	112.8	108.9	109.6
Fresh Vegetables	113.6	118.6	95.9	102.8	164.8	110.8	108.5	104.0
Processed Vegetables	119.7	129.9	112.5	127.3	134.5	111.4	106.5	128.4
FROZEN FOODS	122.6	128.5	124.1	132.7	121.6	104.9	107.9	117.1
DISHES & SNACKS	138.1	165.6	135.1	126.8	164.2	119.1	113.1	134.5
OTHER FOODS	121.5	140.0	119.0	122.5	148.7	118.8	108.9	127.1
BEVERAGES	154.0	146.1	137.6	152.0	186.1	121.5	109.0	167.3
COMMUNITY INDEX	127.0	132.5	119.2	122.3	149.1	113.2	108.6	124.6

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DATA SOURCE: MANITOBA BUREAU OF STATISTICS
PRICES MONITORING SURVEY

TABLE 4: AVERAGE RETAIL FOOD PRICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES

DECEMBER, 2000

FOOD ITEMS	BERENS RIVER	BRANDON	CHURCHILL	CROSS LAKE	FLIN FLON	GILLAM	GOD'S LAKE NARROWS	GRAND RAPIDS	ISLAND LAKE
1 L MILK	...	1.22	2.05	1.69	...	1.49	2.89	1.50	2.99
454 G BUTTER	...	3.06	3.29	3.82	...	3.35	3.59	3.45	4.19
400 G CHEDDAR CHEESE	...	6.74	...	7.24	...	5.95	7.89	...	7.49
525 G CORN FLAKES	...	4.32	4.52	4.59	...	3.85	5.49	...	4.99
5 KG FLOUR	...	6.64	10.34	...	...	8.29	14.49	...	...
500 G MACARONI	...	1.69	2.09	...	...	...	2.49	...	2.29
675 G WHITE BREAD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
907 G MARGARINE	...	5.14	5.99	5.29	...	5.15	7.09	...	7.69
1 L COOKING OIL	...	3.99	...	...	...	3.95	5.39	3.72	5.79
500 G BACON	...	5.84	...	5.34	...	4.89	...	5.19	...
1 KG ROUND STEAK	...	8.39	...	9.89	...	10.47	12.99	...	12.89
1 KG BLADE STEAK	...	...	...	8.11	...	...	...	...	...
1 KG STEWING BEEF	...	6.91	7.54	9.03	...	7.59	8.99	7.19	9.99
1 KG GROUND BEEF	...	3.62	5.35	4.49	...	...	9.29	6.25	9.99
1 KG PORK CHOPS	...	9.42	9.13	...	...	13.19	10.59	7.50	13.49
450 G WEINERS	...	3.94	4.85	3.39	...	3.29	...	...	...
340 G LUNCHEON MEAT	...	2.99	3.39	3.39	...	2.79	3.69	3.25	3.69
1 KG CHICKEN	...	5.71	5.14	5.89	...	5.79	8.09	5.09	8.69
213 G PINK SALMON	...	2.29	...	...	...	2.05	2.59	2.25	2.69
1 DOZ. LARGE EGGS	...	1.84	2.14	2.14	...	2.05	2.89	2.30	3.69
1 KG ORANGES	...	2.39	2.48	3.64	...	2.42	4.39	2.75	4.99
1 KG APPLES	...	2.16	3.25	3.17	...	3.49	4.89	2.50	5.49
398 ML CANNED PEACHES	...	1.89	2.24	2.19	...	1.89	2.89	1.91	2.69
1 L ORANGE JUICE	...	1.69	2.42	...	...	1.95	3.59	2.08	3.49
4.54 KG POTATOES	...	3.24	6.74	5.14	...	...	11.19	...	12.99
907 G CARROTS	...	1.24	1.96	1.99	...	1.55	2.99	2.24	3.19
1.36 KG ONIONS	...	1.48	1.40	1.99	...	1.95	...	2.74	...
1 HEAD LETTUCE	...	1.88	1.87	2.19	...	3.03	3.09	2.04	2.99
398 ML CANNED PEAS	...	1.26	1.69	1.49	...	1.35	...	...	...
398 ML BAKED BEANS	...	1.19	1.54	1.39	...	1.09	2.09	...	2.29
1 KG FROZEN POTATOES	...	2.99	3.59	...	...	2.75	4.89	...	5.39
225 G MACARONI & CHEESE	...	0.99	1.47	1.34	...	1.15	1.69	1.20	1.79
284 ML CANNED SOUP	...	0.78	1.27	0.99	...	0.85	...	0.72	1.29
500 ML PEANUT BUTTER	...	3.69	4.19	4.24	...	3.59	4.79	...	4.99
500 ML STRAWBERRY JAM	...	4.29	4.74	4.94	...	4.05	5.89	4.85	6.29
4 KG SUGAR	...	4.24	6.49	6.04	...	7.35	7.29	5.11	7.99
200 G INSTANT COFFEE	...	6.24	7.89	5.09	...	5.99	8.59	6.28	8.69
1 L SOFT DRINK	...	1.34	2.49	...	...	1.89	2.99	...	4.49

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TABLE 4: (Cont.) AVERAGE RETAIL FOOD PRICES FOR SELECTED MANITOBA COMMUNITIES

DECEMBER, 2000

FOOD ITEMS	LEAF RAPIDS	LYNN LAKE	NORWAY HOUSE	SNOW LAKE	SOUTH INDIAN LAKE	THE PAS	THOMPSON	WABOWDEN	WINNIPEG
1 L MILK	1.65	1.85	1.79	1.46	...	1.45	1.33	1.79	1.24
454 G BUTTER	3.57	3.59	3.99	3.92	...	3.62	3.72	3.25	2.86
400 G CHEDDAR CHEESE	6.95	6.69	6.79	6.44	6.99	5.74	4.99	...	5.49
525 G CORN FLAKES	3.99	...	4.69	4.34	...	4.39	4.38	4.49	3.79
5 KG FLOUR	8.65	9.79	8.99	9.84	9.99	8.24	6.74	7.99	6.82
500 G MACARONI	1.65	1.99	1.49	1.79	1.99	1.84	...	1.89	1.39
675 G WHITE BREAD	2.69	2.65	2.99	2.44	3.15	2.69	...	...	1.89
907 G MARGARINE	5.69	6.05	6.09	5.19	...	5.49	4.89	...	4.62
1 L COOKING OIL	4.15	5.15	4.64	4.64	5.15	4.64	3.98	...	3.99
500 G BACON	5.89	5.89	5.49	...	...	4.89	6.19	...	5.62
1 KG ROUND STEAK	11.59	11.90	10.89	7.23	9.79	10.82	9.46	10.05	8.65
1 KG BLADE STEAK	...	...	7.69	4.39	6.59	6.95	...	6.49	5.93
1 KG STEWING BEEF	8.19	...	7.49	...	7.49	7.62	6.35	7.35	6.49
1 KG GROUND BEEF	4.59	4.90	5.34	5.99	4.49	4.32	3.82	6.98	3.56
1 KG PORK CHOPS	...	...	...	6.98	13.79	11.99	11.66	...	9.43
450 G WEINERS	3.69	...	...	3.89	...	2.89	4.09	...	3.77
340 G LUNCHEON MEAT	3.15	3.25	3.29	3.14	3.19	3.39	3.14	3.29	2.82
1 KG CHICKEN	6.79	...	5.99	4.14	6.69	5.93	5.80	4.05	5.47
213 G PINK SALMON	...	2.29	...	2.34	...	2.69	2.24	...	2.24
1 DOZ. LARGE EGGS	2.05	2.19	1.99	2.02	2.49	1.89	1.88	2.35	1.62
1 KG ORANGES	2.84	2.50	2.62	2.40	...	2.44	2.50	2.49	2.39
1 KG APPLES	...	...	2.21	...	3.19	2.48	2.28	...	2.17
398 ML CANNED PEACHES	1.95	2.25	2.14	2.09	2.29	1.50	1.99	2.19	1.78
1 L ORANGE JUICE	2.15	2.39	2.14	1.99	2.45	1.39	1.89	1.79	1.60
4.54 KG POTATOES	4.99	5.49	3.59	4.37	...	2.99	3.74	3.95	3.24
907 G CARROTS	1.29	1.75	1.15	1.29	1.85	1.29	1.28	1.09	1.68
1.36 KG ONIONS	1.18	...	1.19	1.74	2.49	2.14	1.28	1.79	1.26
1 HEAD LETTUCE	2.24	0.99	1.54	1.44	...	1.59	1.94	1.69	1.94
398 ML CANNED PEAS	...	...	1.54	1.64	...	1.29	1.28	...	1.09
398 ML BAKED BEANS	1.19	1.49	1.34	1.49	1.49	1.29	1.29	1.45	1.22
1 KG FROZEN POTATOES	2.99	3.59	3.14	3.24	3.85	3.39	2.99	...	2.74
225 G MACARONI & CHEESE	0.95	1.39	1.34	1.34	1.35	1.14	0.99	1.39	0.85
284 ML CANNED SOUP	0.99	1.09	1.04	0.99	1.09	0.74	0.69	1.09	0.62
500 ML PEANUT BUTTER	3.69	4.05	4.09	4.29	...	4.69	3.99	...	3.72
500 ML STRAWBERRY JAM	4.79	4.85	4.79	4.89	4.85	5.44	4.14	4.69	3.86
4 KG SUGAR	6.39	7.39	5.19	5.77	7.49	4.59	4.98	5.99	3.98
200 G INSTANT COFFEE	...	7.75	7.49	7.34	7.19	8.44	5.99	8.99	5.66
1 L SOFT DRINK	1.89	1.99	...	...	2.59	1.59	1.39	1.89	1.31

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